

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

First named inventor: Randy D. Pope et al. Confirmation No.: 3878  
Application No. : 10/531,566 Group Art Unit: 3742  
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For: FILL TUBE LINER

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, please consider the following remarks.  
Claims 1-11 are pending in the application.

Examiner Interview

The meeting with Examiner Reginald Alexander on 25 January 2011 is acknowledged with appreciation. The Examiner's summary of the meeting is correct as to what transpired. As agreed at the meeting, the present remarks overcome the rejections of record.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Foley (U.S. Patent No. 4,676,148) and Marotta (U.S. Patent No. 4,402,257).

Claim 1 is directed to a beverage making apparatus comprising a heated water tank, a heating element, a fill tube and an insulating tube in the fill tube with a gap between the fill tube